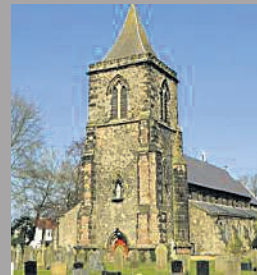


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PAY UP IF YOU WANT COUNCIL WHEELIE BINS!



It'll cost you... borough council blue bin

Residents who move into new build homes in borough have to fork out £25 for each bin - £100 for all four!

NEW-build home owners in West Lancashire face having to pay out £100 if they want to have all four wheelie bins that are currently provided by the borough council.

West Lancs charges £25 for each of the four bins available, which the council say covers the cost of the bin and delivery.

Council chiefs point out that the charge isn't a new measure and has been in force since 2014!

However, questions over the wheelie bin costs have been raised by angry new homeowners who have contacted MP Rosie Cooper in recent weeks.

With thousands of new homes being built at pace across the borough, the charges to have a wheelie bin provided have come to a head.

The MP said she is "astonished" by West Lancashire Borough Council's

Report by **Henry James**

refusal to supply newly-built homes with wheelie bins 'free of charge'.

Having been contacted by a number of residents from new estates in West Lancashire, the MP has written to WLBC asking what their policy is on the provision of bins.

Flabbergasted

MP Cooper told the Champion: "I am flabbergasted that residents are approaching me to complain about the council charging nearly £100 just to get refuse bins for their property."

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Church to hold 'welcome back' family event after enforced Covid closure

Fun day will be first time venue has been able to host the public since start of pandemic

Report by **Henry James**

TO welcome people back to St Anne's Church, in Ormskirk, after the temporary closure due to the pandemic, parishioners, families, friends and neighbours are invited to a fun day event on **Saturday, September 11**.

Held in the parish grounds, the day will start at 12noon with an outdoor Mass on the bowling green to remember the Golden Jubilee of Priesthood of Fr. Godric and the Silver Jubilee of Deacon Des's ordination as Deacon and many events it was not possible to celebrate during the various lockdowns.

The Mass will be followed by a 'bring your own picnic' (*bring your own garden chairs please*) and then, from about 1pm, the fun events start!

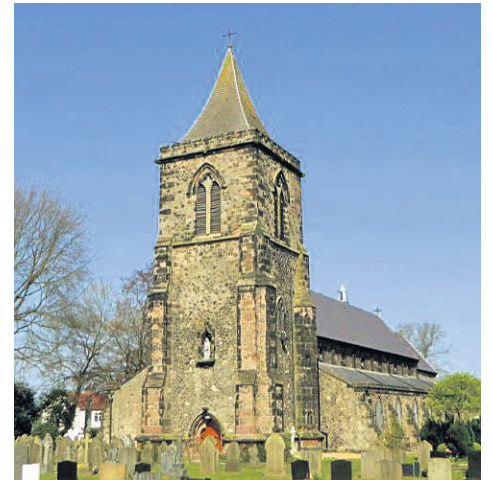
The church's musicians will entertain those that attend and provide some tuition for the children.

The youngsters can take part in five-a-side football coaching on the meadow while the adults can browse the stalls there.

A special tombola has been arranged with some fun prizes.

Family activities

The new Tree Trail will take visitors around the church grounds and there will be family activities



St Anne's Church, Ormskirk

including how to make a 'Bug Hotel' at the environment stall.

A spokesperson for St Anne's said: "The Church of St Anne is a lovely place and tours have been arranged. Now is the opportunity to see the church which will be decorated with special flower arrangements and to find out more of its history."

Tea and coffee will be available in the Parish Centre where there will be exhibitions of photographs of times past in St Anne's Church and of Ormskirk, along with flower arranging displays.

The welcome back event will close at 5pm.

The spokesperson added: "This fun event is open to all friends of St Anne's Church - not just parishioners, so please come and join us on Saturday, September 11 where you'll be warmly welcomed."



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Vast swathes of peatland will be restored to tackle climate change

Report by **Henry James**

VITAL PEATLAND will be restored under ambitious proposals launched on Friday August 27 to help tackle climate change and protect biodiversity.

Five new landmark projects to restore England's peatlands to a natural and healthy state will benefit from millions of pounds through the government's Nature for Climate Peatland Grant Scheme.

The government intends to invest more than £50 million in peat restoration, building on its pledge to restore approximately 35,000 hectares of peatland in England by the end of this Parliament.

As England's largest carbon store on land, peatlands play a vital role in trapping carbon and also provide a wealth of wider benefits such as improved ecosystems and biodiversity, better water quality and natural flood management. However, only 13% of England's peatlands are in a near-nat-

ural state. These new projects mark a big step towards achieving a goal to reverse the decline of England's peatlands and will contribute to the ambitious Nature Recovery Network.

The successful projects include a joint project by Lancashire Wildlife Trust and Cumbria Wildlife Trust, who will collaborate to carry out important restoration works on 16 degraded lowland raised bog sites stretching from Merseyside up to the Scottish border.

This encompasses former extensive areas of the Solway Plains, Witherslack Mosses, Lancashire plain and Pilling Mosses, Manchester Mosses, to the Mersey floodplain, and is aiming to restore 227 hectares over the scheme's duration.

Environment Minister Rebecca Pow said: "We have committed to triple our historic average annual peat restoration figures and these landscape-scale projects will provide a great contribution to achieving this and accessing the wealth of benefits healthy peatlands offer."

Natural England's chair Tony Juniper added: "Our peatlands exemplify the multiple benefits society

can reap from healthy natural systems. They store a vast quantity of carbon, captured from the atmosphere by plants living long ago, they purify and store water, enabling rivers to run steady and clear while at the same time reducing flood risk.

"They are also wonderful wildlife habitats,



Above: One of the vital peatland areas (copyright: Natural England/Paul Glendell 2000) and (inset) Environment Minister Rebecca Pow

supporting some of our most iconic species, and peat covers some of our most beautiful landscapes, including in the National Parks that we hope even more people will enjoy during the years ahead. By restoring peatlands, we can protect and increase all of these valuable benefits.

"Applications for restoration grants opened in April as part of the Nature for Climate Peatland Grant Scheme, a great step towards reversing the current decline in England's peatlands.

"The recently announced England Peat Action

Plan also sets out a host of further actions we will take to ensure our peatlands are functioning healthily for the needs of the planet.

"There are also discovery grants available for organisations to scope sites and develop plans for peatland restoration, enabling them to bid for future restoration grants. The application window for the first round of discovery grants closes today (Wednesday, September 1). The second round of Peatland Restoration Grant applications are due to be launched in early 2022.

Anger at cost of wheelie bins for new build homes in the borough

From page 1

"With ever increasing council tax bills, the least that a resident moving into a new build should expect is the provision of their wheelie bins.

"I called the office of the Corporate Director of Place and Community at the Council to clarify whether new build homes do receive free bins or not. Astonishingly, no one knew the answer!

"The green waste charge remains a major bone of contention for many of my constituents, but to not even be providing the standard grey bin or the blue and green recycling bins is crazy – what incentive is this for the council's recycling targets?"

A spokesperson for West Lancashire Borough Council

commented: "The £25 charge for a new bin covers the cost of the bin, the cost of delivery and associated administrative charges and has applied since 2014. While it may be desirable for developers to fund new bins, this is a rarity and developers typically leave it to residents to resolve once they've moved in.

"Despite significant cuts to our budget by central government, we have kept the price of purchasing a new bin as low as we possibly can while minimising the cost passed onto council tax payers.

"We would also appeal to our MP for West Lancashire to continue to fight for more funding from central government in light of these cuts to alleviate the pressure on local authority budgets."

Residents invited to attend two NHS decision-making meetings this month

RESIDENTS in West Lancashire are being invited to attend two local NHS decision-making meetings in September.

NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)'s next Primary Care Commissioning Committee (PCCC) meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 14 from 2.30pm until 4pm.

Members of the public wishing to observe the meeting, or raise questions relating to items on the agenda can do so by contacting the secretary to the board directly by emailing wlccg.info@nhs.net by noon on

Monday, September 13. A response will be sent directly to the individual who raised the question via email.

The CCG's latest Governing Body is also due to take place on Tuesday, September 28 between 9.30am – 11.30am. Those who wish to observe or raise questions should e-mail wlccg.info@nhs.net by noon on Monday, September 27.

The agenda for both meetings will be published on the CCG's website one week before each meeting takes place: www.westlancashireccg.nhs.uk/.

Following the conclusion of the PCCC meeting, there may also be an oppor-

tunity for members of the public and other attendees to have an informal discussion with some of the board members, time permitting and at the discretion of the Chair.

If members of the local community have general questions that do not relate to the PCCC meeting's agenda, they can do so by contacting the CCG by e-mail wlccg.myview@nhs.net or calling 01695 588 000. Due to ongoing remote working arrangements in accordance with Government guidance, there may be a short wait to speak with a member of staff who will endeavour to assist with any questions.

Titan causes quite a stir in town centre

TITAN the Robot caused quite a stir in Ormskirk town centre, when he appeared on the streets - much to the amazement of shoppers and visitors.

The eight foot robot could be seen by the clocktower in the town, spraying water at people passing by!

His visit on Friday, August 20, was part of a range of family friendly entertainment the council has been providing across Skelmersdale, Burscough and Ormskirk to help support local high streets and businesses.

The events have been funded by the Government's Welcome Back Fund and have been free for families looking for activities during the summer holidays.

On Saturday, September 4 on the main high street in Burscough, interactive games are planned.

Councillor Ian Moran, leader of the council, said: "We have been delighted to have this funding to enable us to support families by providing free entertainment over the school holidays and we have helped to support our local businesses."



Would you like to take part in crime survey?

CONSTITUENTS are being called upon by West Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper to fully engage in the new Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner Andrew Snowden's survey on what issues residents face when it comes to crime, antisocial behaviour and policing.

Ms Cooper has regularly challenged the Constabulary to provide increased policing across West Lancashire related to a wide range of policing issues.

She has also challenged the Government and Policing Minister previously to provide adequate resource for Lancashire Constabulary. She said: "With the new PCC in place he has set about gathering residents' views to inform his Police and Crime Plan.

"Based on the high volume of casework I receive related to policing matters from



PCC Andrew Snowden wants as much feedback as possible

antisocial behaviour, mini-moto and scrambler use, burglaries, and much more, I have no doubt that residents will have plenty to tell the Commissioner about.

"I'd encourage residents to take part in the survey and champion more resource coming into West Lancashire so we can see more bobbies back on the beat, and I will continue to call on the Home Office to invest in Lancashire Constabulary and enable it to get back up to reasonable numbers after it was initially hit with a loss of 750 officers.

"We need all of the officers back and more to ensure residents feel safe and secure in their homes and their communities."

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'Creative advisors' needed for key role in Lancashire 2025 bid

Report by Henry James

THE team behind the Lancashire 2025 bid is now looking to recruit a panel of professional artistic and creative advisors from the cultural sector, to play an important role in the development of the county's aim of becoming UK City of Culture 2025.

Eight culture sector experts are needed who have experience in curating arts and cultures, programming for culture led regeneration and/or programming for major events with expertise and/or an interest in four discreet topics for cultural regeneration: of Digital, Nature, Connection and Living.

Applications are needed for these roles required by Friday, September 3.

The group will shortlist proposals that have been submitted to Lancashire 2025 through an open call for programme ideas.

They will apply their imagination and knowledge in curation, cultural regeneration and delivery of successful public events, to the selection process aimed at the creation of a winning bid programme for Lancashire.

Debbi Lander, bid director of Lancashire 2025 said: "The success of the bid will be in large part due to the quality, ambition, appeal and deliverability of our programme - all aspects considered by curators, programmers and directors in cultural organisations and settings every day.

"To ensure the success of our bid and the transparency of the selection process we are now looking for experts inspired by our ambition to craft a new and inclusive identity as the Virtual City of Lancashire in which achievements and challenges offer tangible opportunities to re-imagine the emerging cities of the



Debbi Lander

future, and re-invigorate the role that culture-led regeneration can play in realising this vision for regions throughout the UK and beyond.

"We believe their combined experience and expert eyes, cast across a wide range of new ideas for a programme developed on the theme of The Way We Live, with four discreet topics to inspire cultural regeneration through new ideas to deliver a step-change in: Living, Connection, Nature and Digital, will take us one step closer to winning UK City of Culture for Lancashire."

The successful candidates will be remunerated for their time, and meetings and discussions will be conducted online, opening the opportunity to individuals anywhere in the country. Application deadline is Friday, September 3. Candidates must be available for the shortlisting period September 24 to October 8.

For more information go to <http://www.lancashire2025.com/>

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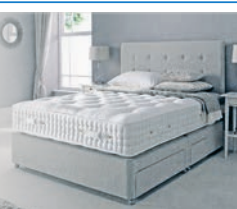
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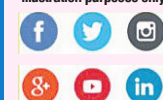
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Cannabis farm is found in Fairstead

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The operation was carried out in Skelmersdale on August 28 by officers from the Neighbourhood Task Force along with the local Community Beat Managers and PCSOs.

They found a sophisticated cannabis cultivation set up throughout the

property with an elaborate wiring system, which involved an electricity meter bypass.



The cannabis farm

You can join live broadcast of Trust AGM meeting

MEMBERS of the public are invited to a live broadcast of the annual general meeting of the Board of Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust.

It will be available to watch online from 10am on Wednesday, September 8. Attendance in person is not possible due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Questions to the Board may be submitted at least 48 hours ahead of the meeting by emailing soh-tr.corporategovernance@nhs.net or by mail to: Company Secretary, Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, Town Lane, Kew, Southport, PR8 6PN.

First of new trains handed over to Liverpool City Region

Report by Henry James

THE first of the 53 new Merseyrail trains from manufacturer Stadler have been handed over to the Liverpool City Region.

The 'landmark achievement' means the City Region will be the first in the country to own its new trains.

To celebrate, Metro Mayor of the Liverpool City Region, Steve Rotherham, is inviting people to step on board and see for themselves how journeys will look in the future when the train goes on public display for the first time in September.

This transfer represents a milestone in the new trains project that will see the entire fleet replaced by "state-of-the-art, safe, reliable, comfortable" trains, set to bring the city region's rail service into the 21st century.

Co-designed in consultation with local people, the modern trains boast a wide range of customer-focused features and functions including:

- Pioneering sliding-step technology, providing step free access for all
- Onboard Wi-Fi
- Improved passenger information screens
- More space for wheelchairs, bicycles and prams

The fleet is a key part of the Mayor's plans for a London-style transport network that seeks to make it as quick, easy, and reliable for people to travel around the region by taking greater local control of public transport and linking different modes of transport together.

The Metro Mayor, said: "These new trains are a near half a billion-pound investment in our region's transport network and will transform the way people get around in our region. They're a major part of my vision for a London-style transport system that will make getting around our



Steve Rotherham, Metro Mayor of the Liverpool City Region by one of the new trains

region quick, cheap and reliable.

"They will be the greenest and most accessible trains in the country and, best of all they're owned by us. We've designed them around the needs of local residents who, I'm sure, will all absolutely love them."

The handover comes after a comprehensive programme of testing and the authorisation from industry regulator, the Office of Rail and Road, secured this summer.

Over the coming months, Stadler will hand more trains to the Combined Authority, ahead of introduction into passenger service.

Matthias Hämmerle, commercial project manager at Stadler, said: "We are very pleased to have reached this highly symbolic moment in the programme, with one train officially transferring ownership from Stadler to the Liverpool City Region."

"These trains have been custom-made for the area and take into account not only the characteristics of the network itself, with its pronounced

curves, tunnels and Victorian infrastructure, but the requirements and priorities of local people as well.

"Over the last few years, we've worked closely with our client and other key stakeholders to come up with a train that really works for the Liverpool City Region. It's this collaborative approach that's enabled Stadler to produce a fleet that we are confident will go down well with passengers and serve the area for decades to come."

Details regarding the phased introduction of the trains into passenger service are yet to be confirmed. More information regarding the roll out will be made available as soon as it has been agreed.

A variety of information about the public display events and the new trains can be found on the Merseytravel website

During the events, the train will be parked at a fully accessible platform. Visitors are asked to wear face coverings on board the train and platforms out of respect for others, unless exempt.

Animal charity's first open day in almost three years raises £10k!

WOODLANDS Animal Sanctuary held their first open day in nearly three years – and it proved to be worth the wait after they raised more than £10,000!

The event has been hailed by organisers as 'one of the most successful events for raising funds the charity has ever had' after locals turned up in force to show their support.

The centre has been unable to hold fundraising events during the height of the pandemic, so volunteers and staff were delighted to see the return of an open day. It couldn't have come at a better time, as they struggle to maintain the regular income. They were also able to show off their new cat facility, which was built during the first lockdown.



Some of the entertainment on offer during the event

A spokesperson said: "Everyone at Woodlands would like to wholeheartedly thank every single person who supported us in the run up to the big day and to all the visitors who came and contributed to the day being such a success."

"The grand total raised was £10,306."

"This is one of the most successful

events for raising funds the charity has ever had and they are incredibly grateful to everyone who had something to do with that success.

"From the army of volunteers and staff who have been prepping for weeks, to the businesses who contributed items or services, to those who were there on the day entertaining everyone who visited."

"Without this combined team effort, the results would not have been so great, and everyone at Woodlands Animal Sanctuary is very aware of this and incredibly appreciative of all the people who do help them."

For a full list of upcoming events at the centre, including dog shows and Halloween events, visit woodlands-animal sanctuary.org.uk

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Moor Hall named one of UK's most 'Instagrammed' Michelin Star restaurants

Report by **Henry James**

ONE of the UK's most 'Instagram-friendly' Michelin Star restaurants is in West Lancashire, according to new research.

Moor Hall, in Aughton, came 17th in a list of the 20 most 'Instagrammed' Michelin Star restaurants in the UK, based on the number of hashtags for each restaurant on the social media platform.

This is due to its picturesque surroundings, as well as the creative dishes.

This isn't the first piece of recognition that the two Michelin star Moor Hall has received. It was recently named the best restaurant in the UK at the 2021 National Restaurant Awards.

It is run by chef patron Mark Birchall, 40, who trained at Runshaw College and was born in Chorley.

Most of the food they serve is sourced from Lancashire, and chefs use produce grown from the venue's own five-acre estate. They also use Scottish and Cornish seafood.

Moor Hall is one of just 19 restaurants in the coun-



Moor Hall and (inset) chef Mark Birchall

try to be awarded a fifth rosette by the AA Restaurant Guide.

Specialist insurer Ripe Photography put together the rankings based on the full list of one, two, and three-starred restaurants included in the Michelin Guide.

Heston Blumenthal's Dinner by Heston and The Fat Duck took first and second place, respectively, with more than 50,000 hashtags between them. The rest of the top 20 includes restaurants from as far and wide as Edinburgh, London, and West Sussex.

Public invited to gingerbread baking demo

ORMSKIRK Community Partnership would like people to join them at a gingerbread baking demonstration on Sunday, September 12.

It will take place at the Chapel, Ormskirk's Art House in St. Helens Road.

Sam Bilton, a food historian, writer and cook, will give

an entertaining talk and gingerbread baking demonstration.

On show in the Chapel will be a display of the history of gingerbread and the famous ladies who baked and sold this delicious biscuit.

Children from primary age and above can come provided

they are accompanied by an adult. Residents can book their free tickets in advance online, choosing either the morning 11.30am slot or the afternoon at 1pm.

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Don't ignore signs of cancer as residents are urged to 'come forward' for checks

WEST Lancashire residents who have symptoms that could be signs of cancer are being encouraged to come forward for lifesaving checks as part of an NHS campaign.

NHS data shows that more than 18,000 people in the North West are diagnosed with abdominal or urological cancers each year, and more than 6,400 people are diagnosed with lung cancer.

But research shows that three in five people (60%) are concerned about burdening the NHS, with half (49%) saying they would delay seeking medical advice compared to before the pandemic.

NHS England chief executive, Amanda Pritchard, launched the campaign to highlight symptoms of some of the most common cancers this week, saying that the NHS is open and ready to treat people.

Report by **Tom Martin**

The 'Help Us, Help You' campaign from NHS England, with support from Public Health England, uses TV and digital adverts, posters and social media to raise awareness of symptoms of cancers in the abdominal area, urological cancers, and lung cancer.

Dr Amanda Doyle, North West Regional Director of NHS England and NHS Improvement, stressed that there could be thousands more people in the region who are not coming forward, either because

they're unaware of common cancer symptoms, or because they feel they would burden the NHS.

She said: "We know that thousands of people could be risking their lives by delaying medical attention for cancer symptoms. This campaign will remind people of the signs and symptoms to look out for and encourage them to get checked if something isn't quite right."

'Don't delay'

"Thanks to the hard work of NHS staff in the North West, we are able to see, diagnose and treat more people than ever before in our cancer services across the region. So please don't delay – if you have a potential cancer symptom you should

come forward to get checked, and you should also make sure you attend any other routine appointments. We would much rather see you at the earliest stages, when any cancer is easier to treat, but if you've waited because of Covid it's not too late.

"We have strict infection control procedures still in place to keep you and our staff safe from Covid. If you need to visit a GP surgery or hospital, you should wear a face covering and follow social distancing."

"It's incredibly important that people recognise the common symptoms that can signal a cancer diagnosis – and it's vital that they take action by making an appointment with their GP, that could ultimately save their life."

Sign up for Everton fun run

FAMILIES are being invited to sign up for a special charity run as Everton in the Community relaunches its annual If You Know Your History 5K fun run event.

The fun run, which takes place on World Mental Health Day on Sunday, October 10, is the charity's first fundraising event to take place since before the pandemic, inviting participants of all ages to run, jog, walk or even crawl the 5K route.

Set up in 2019, the Everton-themed event takes supporters on a journey of the club's history, beginning at the heart of Everton's badge, Prince Rupert's Tower, and finishing outside



A previous fun run event

Goodison Park. This year, the run will raise funds for The People's Place, a purpose-built mental health facility in L4 which will promote positive mental health and wellbeing, delivering services including suicide awareness and prevention.

Richard Kenyon, CEO of Everton in the Community, said: "We're excited to have this run

back in our calendar of activities – and to be able to welcome people back to taking part in a mass participation event, the first we have held for some time.

"We will have the virtual option available as well – as we did last year, with great support from runners across the world – but it will be great to see the camaraderie among those taking part in person as we follow the historic route through our local community."

To find out how to sign up to If You Know Your History, visit: <https://www.evertoninthecom-munity.org/news/2021/august/Everton-Themed-IfYKYH-Fun-Run-To-Be-Held-In-Person/>



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Call to invest more in better insulation and energy efficiency at council-owned housing

OUR West Lancashire has renewed its call for increased investment to better insulate and improve energy efficiency after being contacted by tenants in Birch Green frustrated at the 'lack of action' from the council.

Cllr Adrian Owens, OWL Group Chairman who met tenants in Birch Green recently to hear their concerns said: "Rents from council tenants generate a surplus of more than £4.5million every year. Yet currently all that money is going on Labour's rush to build on much of Skelmersdale's green space."

Birch Green resident, Sandra Porter said: "I have been trying to get the rendering addressed on houses in Flimby for more than 12 months and the only response you get is that there is no money, yet there's money for new building schemes in the town."

"There is no insulation in the walls of our homes and the rendering is falling off. The houses are cold and heating bills are high. The council should check its priorities."

Cllr Owens said he

recognised the problem Ms Porter faced in getting any action from the council. "I was promised a report in April, yet I'm still waiting. Staff that are supposed to be working on this have been moved to other work."

He claimed: "The truth is council officers have been given no money by Labour to address these problems on our housing estates. Almost all the multi-million surplus from the rent monies paid by existing tenants is being diverted into Tawd Valley Developments to build new homes, not to address the problems in the homes of existing tenants."

He continued: "The Council has declared a climate change emergency and for many of our residents fuel costs are significant."



Sandra Porter outside her Birch Green home

ant. Greater Manchester is embarked on an ambitious retrofitting programme on their council homes. In West Lancashire, we are still in the starting blocks. Investment in energy efficiency improvements to tenants' homes would reduce carbon emissions and tenant fuel bills, leaving more money in hard-pressed pockets. The works themselves would provide a jobs boost locally as the economy recovers after the pandemic."

The Council Independents have also repeated their call for a start to work on a third revival project in Skelmersdale. Cllr Owens who was involved in the success of previous revivals at Firbeck and Beechtrees said: "Revival projects are complex because of the mix of

privately owned and council owned properties. However, we mustn't give up on putting right the worst features of the New Town layouts. Giving homes their own private outdoor space and more traditional street layouts has been a great success at Firbeck and Beechtrees. The council needs to start planning the next one."



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Stopping the privatisation of our health service must be taken seriously by all

Well done to the Champion for printing letters campaigning to stop the privatisation of our NHS.

It's horrifying to read that a young woman cannot rely on consistent midwife support for the birth of her baby due to a private company coordinating that service.

And another letter raises the issue of NHS privatisation by stealth. We need to make the public aware that it's happening here and now.

Do you know that the Walk in Centres in Skelmersdale and Ormskirk are run by Virgin Care and they pay no UK Tax.

Cllr Ron Cooper
Skelmersdale

Join us at rally to support NHS as we demand more funding

The NHS is in crisis and this is exemplified by the mounting issue of waiting lists, currently standing at 5.4 million patients.

The government narrative is that this is due to Covid, when in reality, it is due to ideologically driven deliberate defunding.

The government must give our NHS all the funding and extra capacity it needs to care for people and rebuild for the longer term.

On Saturday, September 4, the campaign for NHS funding to tackle waiting lists will officially launch with a rally outside of Parliament as well as numerous demonstrations around the country.

The campaign constitutes a powerful coalition bringing together campaign groups, trade unions, health workers, patients, MPs, celebrities and members of the public.

The Skelmersdale Project for Peace and Justice will proudly play its small part in the campaign and as such we will be standing together to fight for our

NHS with our own demonstration outside of Nye Bevan Pool on Saturday, September 4 between 2 and 3pm. We ask people to save the date and join us, especially if you have experience of waiting lists.

The NHS must be given the resources it needs to provide the care we need. Waiting lists are a political decision.

This government are handing billions of pounds to the profiteering private sector whilst pushing through a Bill to exacerbate and accelerate privatisation.

As Noam Chomsky points out: "That's the standard technique of privatisation: defund, make sure things don't work, people get angry, you hand it over to private capital."

We ought to be angry and we must fight back before it is too late. We must restore our NHS. Join us on September 4.

Paul Hogan

Skelmersdale Project for Peace and Justice.

Why is our post still delayed in Digmoor area?

What is happening to the postal delivery lately?

For the last few months, the Digmoor area is lucky to have one, or two deliveries a week.

Surely the postal service are still not blaming it on Covid.

I don't know if it is the same in other areas. If they are that short of staff, then why don't they take on extra staff like they do at Christmas.

It's getting very frustrating when you are waiting for important letters, from hospitals etc.

Keith R.
Digmoor

The Elections Bill can't be allowed to pass!

The Elections Bill will allow ministers to define and curtail 'campaigning', could make coordinating opposition an offence, and permits political meddling in the Electoral Commission. The Bill will undergo a second reading in the House of Commons on September 7 - and it can't be allowed to pass.

A free election is one where unaffiliated organisations, charities and even the person on the street can be part of the debate.

And where independent groups like Best for Britain who are campaigning against this Bill, can provide voters with information on parties and their policies.

By putting restrictions on campaigning and cross-party co-operation, this bill stifles healthy opposition.

With the Policing Bill which bans 'noisy protests' and other Bills reducing the power of judicial review of Ministers' decisions I'm concerned this government is trying to stamp out healthy dissent.

The UK should not go down this road.

Dermot O'Hara
Aughton

Step up to beat dementia

For over a decade, I have joined thousands of Alzheimer's Society fundraisers who lace up their boots each autumn to complete a Memory Walk in support of those living with dementia and their families.

Last year, while we couldn't walk together in person, I was determined that the circumstances wouldn't prevent me and my family from walking in memory of my nana, and I was in awe of the sheer number of people who also stepped onto their local streets to raise vital funds for the charity.

This year, I am delighted to say that people can again unite at 20 locations across the UK, including at Aintree Racecourse, Ormskirk Road, Aintree, Liverpool, L9 5AS on Sunday, September 5 alongside family, friends and colleagues to raise money for the charity to create new memories together and support the 850,000 people in the UK who are currently living with dementia. With supporters also having the option to organise their own Memory Walk at a location of their choosing, there's never been a better or more important time to get involved.

Over a year since the pandemic began, people with dementia in Merseyside are still bearing the brunt of coronavirus. Alzheimer's Society's Dementia Connect support services have been used more than 5.5 million times since the pandemic began.

Sign up for free now at memorywalk.org.uk and with every step, you'll help change the lives of people affected by dementia who need us now more than ever.

Vicky McClure
Alzheimer's Society ambassador



Actress Vicky McClure

Laws on dog walking only work if enforced

The Dog Control PSPO will only work if it is enforced. Responsible dog owners do not need reminding.

In Sefton, the council like to look as if they are doing something about the irresponsible ones, but reintroducing an order and putting up posters will not solve the problem.

Some people are just plain ignorant. A trip to Duke Street cemetery in Southport is enough to see these rules being flouted.

Some ignorant, arrogant people blatantly take their dogs off lead inside the gated area in the Jewish section.

There they train and exercise their dog's freely. They obviously don't see this area as sacred ground. I am surprised that the Jewish community aren't doing more to prevent it.

I was told by a contracted maintenance person that mowing the grass in that area is horrendous. The countless deposits of dog faeces gets caught up in the mower blades. Disgusting!

The order needs to be enforced by job-specific patrolling enforcement officers. I am yet to see one in the flesh, I wonder how many exist out there, maybe they are an elusive species like Big Foot!

Responsible dog owner
Southport

CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- Black and white striped equine (5)
- Entertain, delight (5)
- A large vein in the neck (7)
- Author of Robinson Crusoe (5)
- First woman to win a Nobel prize, Marie ____ (5)
- Changed, adjusted (7)
- Duck sound (5)
- Incorrect (5)
- US city on Lake Michigan (7)
- The main artery (5)
- A freshwater fish (5)
- Tall stone column with four sloping sides and a pointed top (7)
- Sound made by some sleepers (5)
- Section often at the end of a reference book (5)

DOWN

- Keen, enthusiastic (5)
- Thrilling fairground ride (6,7)
- Sea between Europe and North Africa (13)
- Spice derived from the crocus (7)
- Throw out, expel (5)
- Food made from flour, water and yeast (5)
- City in West Yorkshire (5)
- Mythical beast with a single horn (7)
- Captain R F ____, British antarctic explorer (5)
- Drug used to remove cosmetic wrinkles (5)
- A form of short Japanese poem (5)
- Lift up, elevate (5)

WORDSEARCH

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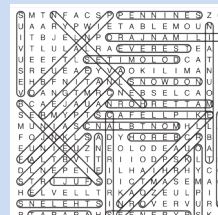
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Last Week's
Solutions



Students urged to get Covid jab before going back to classrooms

Those aged 16 and 17 are able to get first dose of vaccine

Report by **Henry James**

STUDENTS in West Lancashire aged 16 and 17 are being “strongly encouraged” to come forward and have the Covid-19 vaccine in time for their return to education.

Last month, Health and Social Secretary Sajid Javid announced that all 16 and 17-year-olds in England will be offered a Covid-19 vaccine by August 23, to give them vital protection before returning to college or sixth form.

Young adults are now being urged to play their part in helping normal life resume in Lancashire by getting their jab.

County Councillor Jayne Rear, cabinet member for education and skills, said: “Everyone in Lancashire wants to see life return to normal.

“By coming forward for vaccination, not only are you protecting yourself, but you will be playing a massive role in strengthening the wall of defence we are building to protect our communities from Covid-19.

“Many of you have waited patiently to be allowed to have your vaccine. Now is your chance – please accept the invitation and get vaccinated without delay.”

Vitally important

Walk-in appointments are available for 16 and 17-year-olds at the majority of Lancashire's vaccination sites.

Abdul Razaq, acting director of Public Health for



County Councillor Jayne Rear, cabinet member for education and skills

Lancashire County Council, said: “It is vitally important that we get as many people vaccinated as soon as possible.

“While younger people are generally less at risk from Covid-19, we have seen more cases of younger adults getting seriously ill from the Delta variant, which is now the dominant strain in England.

“We are confident that a single dose of a Covid-19 vaccine will give young people a significant level of protection against hospitalisation. Getting your jab will also reduce the chance of spreading the virus to others, mitigating the disruption to your education.

“If you are aged between 16 and 17, please drop by your nearest walk-in centre to get your Covid-19 jab. Staff will be happy to speak to you if you have any questions about the vaccine.”

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It is always worth keeping your eyes peeled, as anything can turn up at this time of year and, in past years, rare birds from North America, such as pectoral sandpiper, wilson's phalarope and long-billed dowitcher have turned up.

While our breeding avocets start to dwindle in numbers, as they fly further south for the winter, we see a massive build up in the number of black-tailed godwits using the reserve. Around 500 birds have been present in the autumn for the last couple of years and, while some will eventually continue their journey south, a few will stay for the winter at Martin Mere. Numbers of ruff and lapwing also start to increase and these three species, along with the noisy oystercatchers, will be the most noticeable waders around the reserve for the next six months.

It is not just the larger birds that are migrating through at this time of year and it is worth keeping an eye open for smaller birds, either on the ground, or perched on fence posts and wires. Wheatears, whinchats and yellow wagtails are frequently seen on the reserve, taking a break from the long flight back to Africa.

And, with all this activity, our birds of prey are never far away, looking to pick off what they can. Marsh harriers, sparrowhawks and buzzards are currently a common sight and a migratory hobby has been seen for the last week or so, along with a newly arrived pair of noisy ravens.

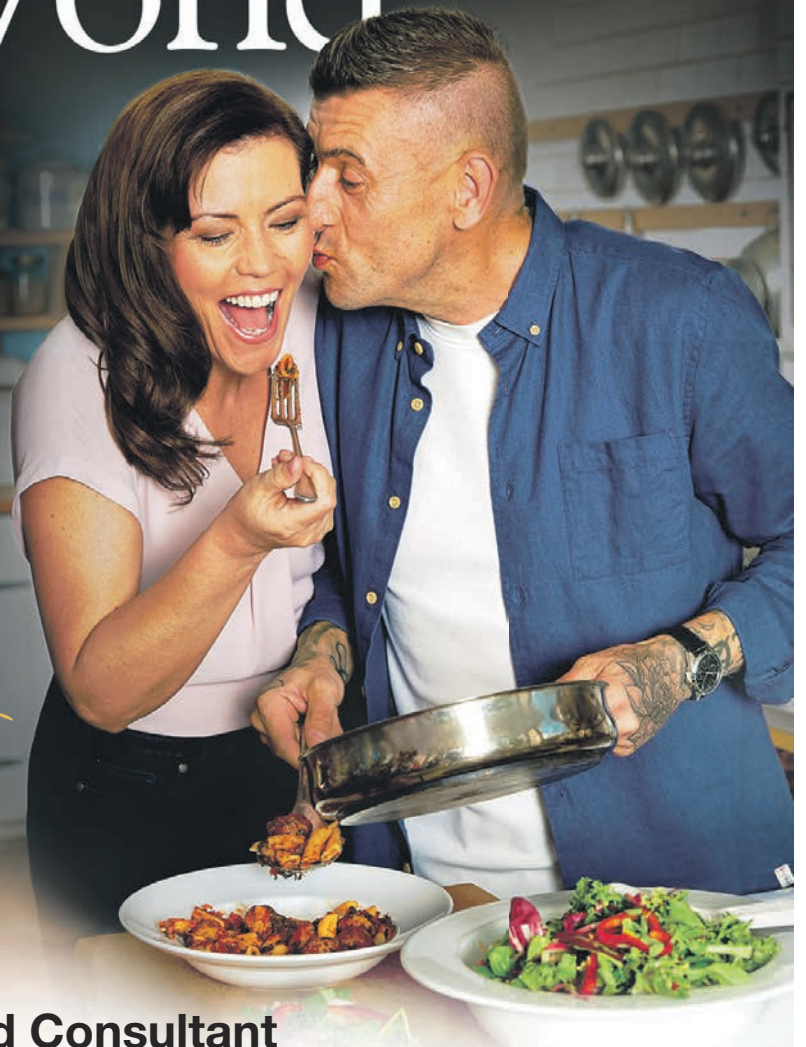


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THURSDAY

Birkdale

Liverpool Rd Methodist Church
Liverpool Road
9.30 & 11am
Tel: Pam Crossen 01704 213702

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Liverpool Rd Methodist Church
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Volunteers given the award by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant, Mr Mark FW Blundell

Hospice volunteers given prestigious Queen's Award

Report by **Tom Martin**

VOLUNTEERS from Queenscourt Hospice were delighted to receive The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (QAVs) from representatives of Her Majesty the Queen.

The group were named recipients of the award earlier this year, and it has now been officially presented to them at a ceremony held on Tuesday, August 17.

Queenscourt Hospice, which is currently celebrating its Pearl Anniversary, was notified in June that the Hospice's volunteers had been honoured with this prestigious award – the highest a voluntary group in the UK can receive.

The award, which was created in 2002 to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee, recognises the outstanding work carried out by volunteer groups across the country to benefit their local communities.

The presentation of the Crystal Award and cer-

tificate was made by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant, Mr Mark FW Blundell, to Bill Witter, one of Queenscourt's dedicated and long-serving gardening volunteers.

Mr Blundell was accompanied on the day by Deputy Lieutenants Mr Nicholas Wainwright MBE DL and Mr Alan Chick JP DL.

In his opening address Mr Blundell said, "We were absolutely delighted to attend the hospice and present Queenscourt's Volunteers with The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service on behalf of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

"Volunteering is more important today than ever, however many volunteers give their time with little reward. Her Majesty the Queen believes their commitment to others should be recognised. I would like to congratulate all of Queenscourt's Volunteers on their achievement."

Bill Witter said: "It was a great honour to accept this award on behalf of Queenscourt's volunteers, I am extremely proud of the team and how hard we have all worked. It was a fantastic day for the hospice."

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She was amazed to find that no food was off the menu and it was easy to make the healthier choices. She could also enjoy her 'treats' so she never felt deprived. "My husband eats the same meals as me and some of our favourites are chilli and rice, tuna and pasta broccoli bake, casseroles and our favourite stir fries," says Lynn. One of the challenges Lynn faced was finding the belief that it was possible for her to lose weight and keep it off. She was initially frustrated with her slow start but the encouragements and support from her Consultant Sue

and the rest of the members kept her motivated.

"I remember Lynn being so frustrated at the beginning of her journey, but she has stuck with it and often quotes my sayings such as 'If nothing changes then nothing changes' and 'What do you want more?' as things that have kept her going on those tough days," says Sue Culligan, Consultant at the Friday morning group in Lydiat.

Lynn went on to lose an amazing 6 stone 13lb and is now very proud of the fact that she can now fit on a plane seat, buy clothes from any shop she chooses, is more mobile despite her arthritic pain and has even done the Zipwire in Wales, been on a hot air balloon ride and ridden on a segway. "My next goal is to do a parachute jump!" exclaims Lynn.

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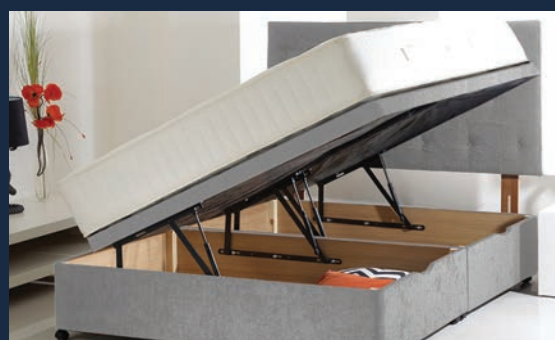


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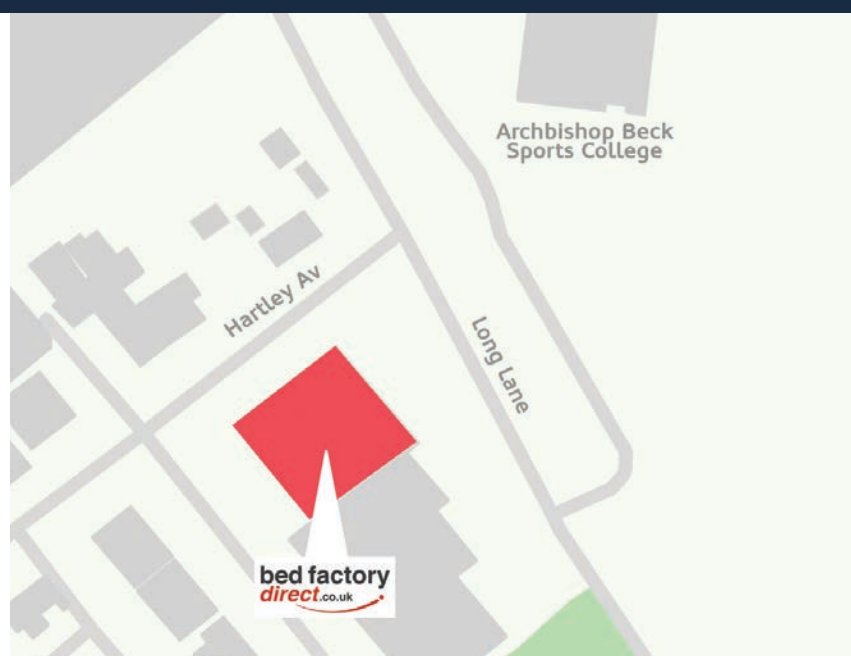


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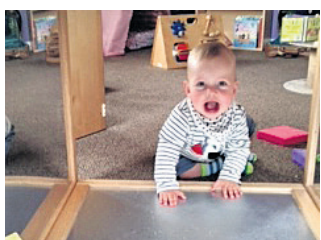
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Mixed Bank holiday fortunes for clubs United's unbeaten run halted

**Skem Utd 3 Litherland Remyca 1
Longridge Town 1 Burscough 0
Monday, August 31**

MONDAY afternoon saw mixed fortunes for the West Lancashire clubs in the North West Counties Premier Division, writes **Neil Leatherbarrow**.

Skelmersdale United bounced back from Saturday's defeat at Vauxhall Motors but without having to recover from a goal down at the interval at home to bottom placed Litherland REMYCA, while Burscough suffered a 1-0 defeat at Longridge Town, despite a spirited performance, just to make the wound even more painful the winning goal arriving with only four minutes remaining.

Skelmersdale went behind after only two minutes, a long free kick caught the home defence napping and Litherland's Tom Hilditch sneaked in at the far post to direct the ball past Ben Barnes.

The rest of the first-half was quite exciting as both teams went onto the attack. Elliott Morris soon went close for Skem and at the other end Charlie Ball could have done better for Litherland.

Litherland goalkeeper Ciaran O'Loughlin thwarted Morris with a terrific save on 20 minutes, but

Skelmersdale were generally held off well.

Danny Mitchley saw one effort drop just wide and another bravely blocked by a defender before it was Barnes turn to make a top drawer save on 42 minutes, keeping out an Adam Owens shot after Hilditch had set him up. The save was crucial because at 2-0 down the Skem recovery task would have been a tough one.

Skelmersdale did indeed make the expected recovery but not before suffering another scare as a Niall Moran header missed the target on 48 minutes.

Baba Conteh settled Skelmersdale down though on 53 minutes finishing at the far post to level things up and lift his sides confidence.

The goal lifted Skem and ten minutes later O'Loughlin pulled off a wonder save to keep out Tom Croughan before Emini Adegbenro put a shot from 18 yards fizzing over the crossbar.

O'Loughlin was having a great game and pulled off another save, this time from a Kenny Strickland free kick, it was the experienced Mitchley who provided the lead for Skem, heading skilfully home off a Calum Preston cross on 76 minutes.

It was all over three minutes from the end, Alex Davies found an on the run Conteh who beat the away offside trap then slipped the ball past O'Loughlin to make it 3-1 to Skelmersdale.

Longridge are a good team and Burscough did well to hold them and might even have pinched a victory, the winning goal was scored by substitute Andrew Leggett who glanced home a Brad Wicks corner in the 86th minute.

Burscough could have grabbed a goal in the first-half and home goalkeeper Lee Dovey made a couple of excellent saves to keep them out, plus a pair of wayward attempts could have brought reward.

The second-half saw Longridge have more possession but Burscough defending doggedly and considering the time at which the winning goal was scored the Linnets could possibly feel a bit hard done to, to come home pointless.

● Saturday is FA Cup day for Skelmersdale as they travel to Northern Premier League Premier Division side Radcliffe, it is fair to say that the draw could have been kinder to Paul McNally's side.

Burscough are away to promotion chasing Wythenshawe Town in league action on Saturday.

**Vauxhall Motors 1 Skelmersdale United 0
Saturday, August 28**

SKELMERSDALE United's joy on the road came to an end with a 1-0 defeat, writes **Simon Driscoll**.

Early chances for United saw Mikey Howard cut inside and shoot across goal before a headed effort over the bar from Baba Conteh after he connected to Joe Herbert's cross. The ball arrived with Herbert after a Callum Preston shot was parried by Mikey Dixon.

Ben Holmes sent a shot past the post for the hosts after a pacy run and Matty Hamilton forced a low save from Dixon who later denied Elliot Morris a shot at goal as he collected across from Alex Griffiths.

The second half saw Aaron Smith force a strong stop from Barnes before a counterattack from Holmes saw a vital fingertip stop from Ben Barnes as the shot crept past the far post. Howard sent a shot past the post at the other end before a slight error in the Motors defence looked to be a gift for substitute Emini Adegbenro but Dixon did well to recover and deny him a shot.

The hosts opened the scoring on 68 minutes as substitute Kieran Garner-Knapper picked out fellow sub Jack Kelly with a cross that the forward tucked away past Barnes for 1-0.

Skem's response saw substitute Tom Croughan hitting a shot from distance past the post, with Adegbenro also sending the ball across goal.

Second team are trophy winners

SKELMERSDALE Cricket Club 2nd XI are the winners of the Southport & District Cricket League Pochin Cup Final.

The beat Bedford Park (Southport) Cricket Club 1st XI in the game at Burscough on August 29.

The Skelmersdale team, which included four under 18's players, batted first and posted 198.

Captain Phil Wright made the top score of 48, with significant contributions from Andrew Moss 34 not out, Andrew Donnelly 30 and Will Marston 25.

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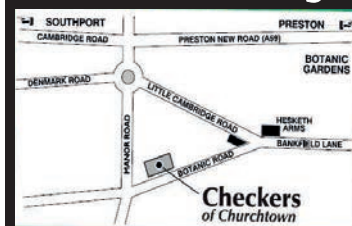
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JONES MARY BERNADETTE

On 14th August 2021
Peacefully at home
surrounded by her
loving family
Aged 72 Years

Loving Mum of
Andrea and Gareth.
Dear Mother in law
of Kevin and Katie.
Cherished Nannie of
Lloyd and Kian.
Will be sadly missed
by all her family and
friends.

Funeral service and
interment will take
place at St Pauls
Church on Thursday
2nd September at
11.00am.

All enquiries to
Margaret Whitelam
Skelmersdale Funeral
Service, 29/31
Sandy Lane.
Tel: 01695 559868

DEATHS

HEWSON WENDY

02/02/1934-17/08/2021
Aged 87 Years



Passed away peacefully at
home surrounded by
her forever loving
Grandchildren Simone,
Jenny and Alison.

Reunited in heaven with
her beloved husband
Douglas and her
beloved son Roland.

Very sadly missed
by her Daughter and
Grandchildren.
She will forever be
in our family's hearts.

Funeral service
and cremation at
West Lancashire
Crematorium on
Thursday 2nd
September 2021
at 12 noon.

Family flowers
only please.

All further enquiries
please contact Graham
Clegg Funeral Service,
7 Dover Road,
Maghull, L31 5JB
Tel 0151 520 3330

DEATHS

CRILLY GERARD

Died peacefully in hospital
after a short illness.

Aged 83 years.
13 August 2021

Reunited with loving
wife Irene. Much
loved Dad of Yvonne
and Pam. Gerry will
be sadly missed by
all of his family and
friends.

Funeral Service to
take place on Mon
6 September 2021
10:45am at St
Georges RC Church,
Station Road, Maghull
L31 3DF followed by
the Committal at West
Lancs Crematorium,
Pippin St, Burscough,
Ormskirk, Lancashire
L40 7SP. 12:00pm.

Donations if desired to
Prostate Cancer UK.

Enquiries to Graham
J Clegg Funeral
Services, 7 Dover
Road, Maghull, L31
5JB. Tel: 0151 520
3330

DEATHS

KELLY JOHN ANTHONY (JACK)

22nd August 2021
Aged 82 Years

Beloved Husband
of the late Maureen.
Wonderful Dad,
Grandad and
Great-grandad.
Jack will be greatly
missed by all his
family and friends.

Service at St John
Stone RC Church
on Tuesday 14th
September at
10:00am followed by
interment at Ainsdale
Catholic Cemetery.
Family flowers only
please, but if desired
donations direct to
the British Heart
Foundation.

Enquiries to Howard's
Funeral Directors, 1-5
Roe Lane, Southport,
PR9 9DR. Telephone:
01704 500086.

DEATHS

POPE RAYMOND

Died peacefully on
22nd August 2021
at The Willows
Nursing Home.
Rest In Peace

Loving Father of
Angela, Colin
and Brian.
Grandfather of Daniel,
Emily and Jamie.

He will be sadly
missed.

Funeral service to
take place on Friday
10th September
at Southport
Crematorium at 1pm.
Family flowers only
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desired donations
are being gratefully
received for
Versus Arthritis.

All enquiries to
Broadbent & Seddon
Funeral Directors,
33 Liverpool Road,
Birkdale, Southport,
PR8 4AG.
Tel: 01704 550055.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

HUNT NORMAN

Sheila and family
thank all relatives,
friends and
neighbours for all the
cards and
Generous donations
at this sad time.

Thank you to
Rev S Foster, Jo
Benson, Georgie and
staff at Southview
Lodge Care Home for
the love they gave him
the short time he was
with them,
Crème de la Crème
for the catering.

Finally a special
thank you to David
Wilkinson for his kind
and considerate care.
God Bless you all

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

HARWOOD CLIVE JOHN

The Family of the late
Clive Harwood would
like to express their
heartfelt thanks to all
friends, neighbours
and work colleagues
from former
Hattersleys for all
the messages of
condolence, masses,
sympathy cards and
donations in Memory
of Clive gratefully
received for Cancer
Research and Child
Death Helpline during
their recent sad loss
of a much loved
Husband, Dad,
Grandad and Great
Grandad.

Thanks to Fr Godric
for his kind prayers &
words, Deacon Peter,
the UCM Guard of
Honour & beautiful
altar flowers and
Anabel Hunter
MLS Independent
Funeral Directors for
her care and
guidance given.

DEATHS

HALL ALAN ALFRED 'HALLY'

Peacefully in hospital,
aged 64 years



Much loved Dad of
Laura and Jordan.

Loving Grandad of
Izabelle, Scarlett,
Lillie and Myles.

Dear Brother of
Susan and Andrew.

Alan will be sadly
missed by all who
knew him.

Funeral service and
committal will take
place at Southport
Crematorium on
Thursday
9th September 2021
at 1pm.

All flowers welcome.

Further enquiries
please to Porters
Funeralcare,
111a Bispham Road,
Southport,
PR9 7BJ. Tel No:
01704 212714.

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MCCAIG SYDNEY

1st September 1929

No longer in our
lives to share,
but, in our hearts
and thoughts,
you're always there.

Love and miss you

from loving
Wife Edie,
Daughter Gill and
partner Tony
x x x

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Margaret and Andrew
wish to express their
sincere thanks to
everyone for their kind
thoughts and for the
donations received for
Churchtown Village
Church.

Special thanks to
John and all the staff
at Melrose Rest Home
for their wonderful
care of Nora over the
last 7 years.

Grateful thanks to
Rev. P. Lyth and Rev.
N. Jarrett for their
kind ministrations
and for the service of
thanksgiving for Nora.

Thank you also to
Mike and all the
staff at Brookfields
Funeralcare for their
dignified care and
guidance given
at this time.

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WILSON EDITH

Passed away
on 26th August 2021
Aged 101 years.

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of the late Robert Kirk
Wilson.

Much loved Mother
of Ann and Patricia
together with
Sons-in-Law Grahame
and James.

A very special Gran
to Michael, Catherine,
Stephen, Paul and
Kirsty.

Greatly loved
by her 10 Great
Grandchildren.

Funeral Service and
Committal will take
place at Southport
Crematorium on
Friday 10th September
at 3pm.

Family flowers only
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donations if desired to
Parkinson's UK.

Further enquiries
please to Moisters
Funeral Directors,
25a Sefton Street,
Southport
PR8 6SG
Tel 01704 501501.

FERGUSON ANDREW

20th August 2021
Aged 80 Years

Passed away
peacefully in hospital.
Very much loved
by all his family and
friends.

Funeral service to
be held at Southport
Crematorium
on Monday 6th
September at 12 noon

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DEATHS

LANGLEY DAVID MICHAEL

5th August 2021
Passed Away Peacefully in
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Covid-19
Aged 65

Much loved Husband
of Lesley, loving
Father to Michelle and
Carl and Father-in-
Law to Lee and Kerry.
He was much loved
by 4 grandchildren.

Funeral was held on
27th August at West
Lancs Crematorium.

DEATHS

FOSTER JOAN

24th August 2021

My beautiful Sister
Joan, I will miss you
so much. The time we
spent together was
filled with love and
laughter.

I will always
remember you and
keep our memories
close. Blowing you a
kiss goodnight.
Love always, Mary

DEATHS

KIRKHAM MARGARET AMELIA

19th August 2021
Aged 90 Years

Died peacefully at
Hesketh Park Lodge.

Margaret will be
greatly missed by all
who knew her.

Funeral service
at Southport
Crematorium
on Monday 6th
September at 1:00pm.
Enquiries to Howard's
Funeral Directors, 1-5
Roe Lane, Southport,
PR9 9DR.
Tel: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

LINTON STEPHEN ARTHUR (SCOZZ)

Sadly passed away
on 23rd August 2021
Aged 63 years

Funeral service and
cremation to take
place at Southport
Crematorium
on Wednesday
8th September
2021 at 11am
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SINNOTT JIMMY

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surrounded by
his family
on 20th August
Aged 83 years

Jimmy will remain
in the hearts of his
beloved Wife, children
and grandchildren.
Yvonne, Celine, Jas,
Margareta, Molly,
Kasper and Ivy.

Funeral Service
at West Lancs
Crematorium
on Monday 6th
September 2021 at
1pm. Family flowers
by request only pls.
Donations will be
gratefully received for
The Walton Centre
Charity or BHF.

Further enquiries
please contact Anabel
Hunter, MLS Funeral
Directors, 20 Moss
Delph Lane, Aughton,
L39 5DZ.
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MARSH MAUREEN

After a long illness
peacefully in hospital
on 18th August 2021
Aged 79 years.

Much loved Wife of
Bob.
Mum of Debbie and
Jon.
Dear Mother-in-law of
Jackie.
Grandma of James,
Will, Katie and Izzy.
Sister of Clive and the
late Graham.
Maureen will be sadly
missed by all her
family and friends.

Funeral Service
will take place
at Southport
Crematorium
on Monday, 6th
September at 2.00pm.
Family flowers only by
request please but the
family are gratefully
receiving donations
for Scleroderma
and Raynaud's
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All enquiries to
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Directors, 8 Marshside
Road, Churchtown,
Southport. PR9 8PF
Tel: 01704 227430.

DEATHS

CAHILL SHEILA

19th August 2021
Aged 87 Years

Died peacefully
after a short illness
surrounded by her
family.
Beloved Wife of the
late Patrick (Slim).
Much loved Mum
of Lorraine, Steven,
Debbie and Mother in
law to Peter, Paul and
Joan.
Loving Nan of Marc
and Emma.
Cherished Great Nan
to Joe, Kai, Sofia and
Ava Rose.
Sheila will be greatly
missed by all her
family and friends.

Funeral service
at Southport
Crematorium
on Friday 10th
September at 3:00pm.
Flowers welcome.

All enquiries to
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Directors, 1-5 Roe
Lane, Southport,
PR9 9DR.
Tel: 01704 500086.

GERMAN GILLIAN (GILL)

Sadly passed away on
20th August 2021

Aged 73 Years

Beloved Wife of
Patrick (Pat) Mother
Granny G and Sister.
Gill will be missed
by all who knew her
vibrant and colourful
personality.

Funeral Service at St
Anne's RC Church,
Ormskirk on Friday
10th September
12.30pm followed by
Cremation at West
Lancs Crematorium
Burscough at
2:00pm.

Family flowers only
please but donations
if so desired are
being collected for
Alzheimer's Society.

Further enquiries
please contact Anabel
Hunter, MLS Funeral
Directors, 20 Moss
Delph Lane, Aughton,
L39 5DZ.
Tel: 01695 424888

DEATHS

CHRISTOPHERSON FLORENCE MARY

26th August 2021
Peacefully in hospital
aged 90 years of
Skelmersdale

The dearly loved wife of
GLYNN, a loving sister
and much loved auntie
to all her nieces and
nephews.

Requiem mass at
St Richards RC
Church, Skelmersdale
on Thursday 9th
September 2021 at
11:30am followed by
interment at
Allerton cemetery.

All enquiries
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LANGTON ANDREW

22nd August 2021
Aged 55 years

It is with great
sadness and heavy
hearts that we
announce the passing
of our beloved
Husband, Dad,
Brother, Uncle,
Son-in-Law,
Brother-in-Law
and Cousin.

Andrew will be loved
and sadly missed by
all who knew him.

A Funeral Service
will take place at
West Lancashire
Crematorium,
Burscough on Friday
3rd September 2021
at 4pm.

By request, family
flowers only but
donations may
be kindly made to
the British Heart
Foundation c/o the
funeral director.

Enquiries to Neal
Buckley Tarleton
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Church Road, Tarleton
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DEATHS

FOSTER JOAN

24th August 2021

Our Joan, we sent lots
of love and prayers,
but we couldn't save
you.

Even though you are
not here,
you will always have a
palace in our hearts.

Good Night, God
Bless

Ste, Lena, Keenan,
Kayley, Grace & Faye

WRIGHT RONNIE

Suddenly at home on
23rd August 2021
Aged 82 years.

Dearly beloved
Husband of Dorothy.

Much loved Father of
Chris, Mark, Derek
and Neil

Dear Father-in-Law of
Karen, Jill and Jo.

Loving Grandad to all
his grandchildren.

Dear Brother of
Maureen, John, Phil
and Joan.

A much loved Uncle
to all his nieces and
nephews.

Ronnie will be sadly
missed by all his
family and friends.

Funeral service will
take place at St John's
Church, Crossens on
Friday 3rd September
2021 at 9am
followed by
a committal
at Southport
Crematorium
at 10am.
After the committal all
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PR9 0LN for light
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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U304 NEW LANE, BURSCOUGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of U304 New Lane, Burscough from U3617 Marsh Moss Lane, Burscough for a distance of 45m in a South Easterly direction.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0005 hours until 0530 hours on Wednesday 15th September 2021 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: U3617 Marsh Moss Lane, Burscough - C137 Tarlscough Lane, Burscough - C137 Red Cat Lane, Burscough - A59 Liverpool Road North, Burscough - A59 Liverpool Road South, Burscough - U300 Higgins Lane, Burscough - U304 New Lane, Burscough and vice versa. The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow annual level crossing servicing works to be carried out by Centurion Site Services on behalf of Network Rail.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRIT/29489/E/W]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U423 MILL DAM LANE, BURSCOUGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of U423 Mill Dam Lane, Burscough from A59 Liverpool Road South, Burscough to U424 Manor Avenue, Burscough.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative daily between 0800 hours and 1800 hours from Monday 13th September 2021 until Friday 17th September 2021 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: U424 Manor Avenue, Burscough - U425 Manor Road, Burscough - A59 Liverpool Road South, Burscough and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway inlay works to be carried out by Lancashire County Council - Capital Highways.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRIT/31116/E/W]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(B5240 HALL LANE, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of B5240 Hall Lane, Lathom from C160 Spa Lane for a distance of 490m in a North Easterly direction.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative daily between 0800 hours and 1800 hours from Friday 10th September 2021 until Monday 13th September 2021 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: B5240 Hall Lane, Lathom - B5240 Plough Lane, Lathom - A577 Wigan Road, Lathom - A577 Wigan Road, Westhead - A577 Crosshall Brow, Ormskirk - A577 Wigan Road, Ormskirk - A577 Moor Street, Ormskirk - A577 St Helens Road, North Of Park Road - A570 Park Road, Ormskirk - B5197 Aughton Street, Ormskirk - A59 County Road, Ormskirk - A59 Ormskirk - A59 Liverpool Road South, Burscough - A5209 Square Lane, Burscough - A5209 Briars Lane, Burscough - A5209 Briars Lane, Lathom - B5240 Hall Lane, Lathom and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway inlay works to be carried out by Lancashire County Council - Capital Highways.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U3986 BURNSIDE, PARBOLD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of U3986 Burnside, Parbold from U370 Broadmead, Parbold to U3987 Bankside, Parbold.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative daily between 0800 hours and 1800 hours on Friday 17th September 2021 until Monday 20th September 2021 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: U3986 Burnside, Parbold - U370 Broadmead, Parbold and vice versa. The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway inlay works to be carried out by Lancashire County Council - Capital Highways.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRIT/31118/E/W]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(C136 WYKE ROAD, SCARISBRICK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of C136 Wyke Road, Scarisbrick from a point 350m south of C131 Pool Hey Lane, Scarisbrick for a distance of 50m in a Southerly direction.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0005 hours until 0530 hours on Tuesday 14th September 2021 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: C136 Wyke Road, Scarisbrick - C136 Wyke Cop Road, Scarisbrick - C136 Snape Green, Scarisbrick - A570 Southport Road, Scarisbrick - C131 Pool Hey Lane, Scarisbrick - C136 Wyke Road, Scarisbrick and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the annual service of the level crossing to be carried out by Centurion Site Services on behalf of Network Rail.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRIT/29488/E/W]

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15
APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
2021/0870/FUL Removal of mock tudor woodwork and rendering on the upper storey of the south (front) and west facing walls of the property, to match the red brick walls of the lower half of the south and west facing walls, and the entire north and east facing walls at The Coach House, Miry Lane, Parbold

The application affects a Conservation Area.

2021/0928/FUL Single storey rear extension at The Sycamores, 2 Brandreth Delph, Parbold

The application affects a Conservation Area.

2021/0937/FUL Proposed 1 megawatt solar array with ancillary equipment including transformers, battery storage and electrical connection, and upgraded access track at Crossens Pumping Station, Banks Road, Banks

The proposed development affects a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Acts 1981 applies.

2021/0983/FUL Proposed change of use of the existing offices (Use Class E(g)(ii)) at first and second floor to provide 3 dwellings (Use Class C3) at Ena Mill (Tarleton) Ltd, 94 Church Road, Tarleton

The application affects a Listed Building.

The application affects a Conservation Area.

2021/0986/FUL Proposed outbuilding in place of previous garage to house pool. Change to proposed access door to basement from north facade to west facade at 236 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton

The application affects a Conservation Area.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. If it is not possible for you to view the application via the Council's website, please contact the office to discuss alternative arrangements for viewing the application. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's website, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development, Heritage & Environment Manager, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development

If an appeal is made against a decision to refuse to grant planning permission, and that appeal proceeds under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

How information about you will be used

Personal data provided by you will be used as part of the Council's statutory planning duties. Some of this information, including your name and address, will be published. Further information about this is available online at www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning and hard copies are available on request.

Heidi McDougall BSc (Hons), MBA Dated: 01 September 2021
Corporate Director of Place & Community PDNOT1154

NOTICE OF MAKING
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(RUFF LANE, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(REVOCATION, PROHIBITION OF WAITING AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING PLACE) ORDER 2021
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 25 August 2021 Lancashire County Council made the above Traffic Regulation Order under Sections 1, 2, 4, 45 and 46 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to:

1. Revoke the following:
 - a) The "Lancashire County Council (West Lancs Area) (On Street Parking Places, Prohibition And Restriction Of Waiting) Consolidation Order 2009" insofar as it relates to:
 - i. Items (155)a) and (155)b) of Schedule 10.01;
 - ii. Item (16) of Schedule 11.075.
 - b) The "Lancashire County Council (Various Locations, Burnley, Chorley, Hyndburn, Lancaster, Pendle, Preston, Ribbles Valley, South Ribbles, West Lancashire And Wyre) (Revocation, Amendment To Permit Parking Provisions, Various Parking Restrictions And Electric Charging Point Parking Places (No1)) Order 2020" insofar as it relates to:
 - i. Item p) of Schedule 2;
 - ii. Item m) of Schedule 16.
2. Introduce a prohibition of waiting in the following lengths of road:
 - a) Ruff Lane, Ormskirk, the north side, from its junction with St Helens Road to its junction with Knowsley Road;
 - b) Ruff Lane, Ormskirk, the south side, from a point 80.5 metres north-west of its junction with the centreline of Knowsley Road in a north-westerly, then westerly direction, to its junction with St Helens Road;
 - c) Ruff Lane, Ormskirk, the south side, from its junction with the centreline of Knowsley Road for a distance of 49.5 metres in a north-westerly direction.
3. Introduce an electric vehicle charging place in Ruff Lane, Ormskirk, the south side, from a point 49.5 metres north-west of its junction with the centreline of Knowsley Road for a distance of 31 metres in a north-westerly direction.

This Order will come into force on the 03 September 2021. A copy of the Order, and all other relevant documents may be inspected on Lancashire County Councils Website <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/roads/roadworks-and-traffic-regulation-orders/permanent.aspx>. Documents can also be requested by email at tro-consultation@lancashire.gov.uk, or in writing to The Director of Corporate Services, Lancashire County Council, P O Box 78, County Hall, Preston PR1 8XJ **quoting ref: LSG41894.12124IAFR**.

Note. The above alternative arrangements for the inspection of deposited documents are connected with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or of any of its provisions on the grounds that it or they are not within the powers conferred by the Act, or that any requirement of the Act or of any instrument made under the Act has not been complied with, that person may, within 6 weeks from the date on which the order is made, apply for the purpose to the High Court.

Laura Sales, Director of Corporate Services
01 September 2021

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NOTICE OF MAKING
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PARK ROAD, RUFF LANE AND ST HELENS ROAD, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (REVOCATION, PROHIBITION OF LEFT TURN EXCEPT PEDAL CYCLES, PROHIBITION OF RIGHT TURN, PROHIBITION OF U TURN AND PROHIBITION OF ENTRY) ORDER 2021
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 25 August 2021 Lancashire County Council made the above Traffic Regulation Order under Sections 1, 2 and 4 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to:

1. Revoke "The Lancashire County Council (St Helens Road Link/Park Road Improvement Scheme, West Lancashire District) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting, Prohibition of Driving, No Right Turn and Revocation) Order 1992" insofar as it relates to Items 1 and 3 of Schedule 5.
2. Introduce a prohibition of left turn except cycles in St Helens Road, Ormskirk, southbound vehicles on St Helens Road to be prohibited from turning left onto Ruff Lane.
3. Introduce a prohibition of right turn in the following lengths of road:
 - a) St Helens Road, Ormskirk, northbound vehicles on St Helens Road to be prohibited from turning right onto Ruff Lane;
 - b) Ruff Lane, Ormskirk, vehicles on Ruff Lane to be prohibited from turning right onto St Helens Road.
4. Introduce a prohibition of u turn in the following lengths of road:
 - a) St Helens Road, Ormskirk, from its southern carriageway at the junction with Park Road/Ruff Lane turning into its northern carriageway;
 - b) St Helens Road, Ormskirk, from its northern carriageway at the junction of park road turning into its southern carriageway;
 - c) Park Road, Ormskirk, from its western carriageway at the junction with St Helens Road turning into its eastern carriageway;
 - d) St Helens Road, Ormskirk, from its northern carriageway at its southern junction with Park Road into its southern carriageway;
 - e) St Helens Road, Ormskirk, from its southern carriageway at the junction with Ruff Lane turning into its northern carriageway;
 - f) Park Road, Ormskirk, from its eastern carriageway at the junction with St Helens Road turning into its western carriageway.
5. Introduce a prohibition of entry on Ruff Lane, Ormskirk, Entry onto Ruff Lane to be prohibited at its junction with St Helens Road. This Order will come into force on the 03 September 2021. A copy of the Order, and all other relevant documents may be inspected on Lancashire County Councils Website <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/roads/roadworks-and-traffic-regulation-orders/permanent.aspx>. Documents can also be requested by email at tro-consultation@lancashire.gov.uk, or in writing to The Director of Corporate Services, Lancashire County Council, P O Box 78, County Hall, Preston PR1 8XJ **quoting ref: LSG41894.12125IAFR**.

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Laura Sales, Director of Corporate Services
01 September 2021

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YEARS ago I did a pub quiz in which I bombed on my knowledge of Barry White's back catalogue, flunked the football questions and provided no help whatsoever to my teammates on the then-cast of Coronation Street. But on one subject - car registration numbers - I was the nerd in the corner with all the know-how.

You'll have to forgive me for not remembering the exact wording of the question a decade on, but it went something like this; if the current registration for new cars is '61', what's the next one? Chances are that if you've made it to this bit of The Champion then you'll already know the answer, but you'd be amazed at how many teams couldn't understand why it was, of course, '12'. Of course, we still didn't head home with the prize that night - in turns out the answers we really needed were You See The Trouble With Me, Blackburn Rovers and Sue Johnston - but it did give me a fascinating insight into how few people understand the nation's car registration numbers. It's exactly 20 years to the day since the old 'Y' plates were dropped and '51' plates were rolled in - and yet I'm prepared to bet that there are still plenty of you who aren't entirely sure why, for instance, 21 is followed by 71 or what the two letters at the start actually mean.

Of course, if you do your homework you can come up with some hilarious registrations. Renault's press office managed my all-time favourite back in 2010, when it assigned one of its Clio Cup road test cars with CL10 CUP. If we're being really childish about it, at one point there was a Range Rover roaming London's streets with UG04 POO attached to its rump. Blatantly driven by the kid who thought rude words on upturned calculators were funny, thirty years on.

But my hunch is that for most people numberplates don't even, ahem, register a flicker on interest. Which is a shame, because I remember in a not-too-distant past that the arrival of a new one every August, rather than once every six months, was a big deal. Car magazines would do annual guides on all the shiny metal you could pick up on, say, a plate beginning with 'P', dealers would do everything under the sun to get you onto their forecourts, and for a few days at the tail end of the summer holidays you'd feel a faint buzz of excitement the first time you saw one out on the roads. Well, I did, anyway.

I know that the current system works a treat on police ANPR camera systems, the DVLA likes it and the number crunchers will point out that it's good until at least 2049 - but in a world where new car sales are down, surely there's a way to recreate the pizzazz of the old plates? Or at least one that the wider public will be able to easily understand, to the point where it won't lose them pub quiz points? Until then, I'm available to help give your pub quiz team in Sefton or West Lancashire the edge it needs, for a small fee. Just don't ask me about Barry White's greatest hits.

David Simister is the editor of Classic Car Weekly

DACIA is aiming to undercut Citroën's C4 SpaceTourer, Ford's S-Max and Volkswagen's Touran when it launches a new seven-seater later this week. The Jogger is being unveiled officially this Friday (September 3), with the same bringing it neatly in line with the company's off-roader, the Duster. There's no word yet on UK specs or prices, but it's being brought in as a replacement for the Lodgy, an MPV that wasn't sold in this country.



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